

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Rodriguez  
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Title: **SECURITY SCREENING OF  
ELECTRONIC DEVICES BY  
DEVICE IDENTIFIER**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.312**

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Applicants submit this amendment after allowance under 37 CFR 1.312, filed before or with the payment of the issue fee, and respectfully request entry of the amendment and timely issue of the application.

Section 714.16 MPEP describes that the amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 of an application broadly encompasses any change in the file record of the application. Applicants submit the following statement for placement in the file record of the application.

Applicants amended claims 1 and 21 and canceled claims 3, 11-13, 15-20, and 23 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Applicants were unable to previously submit this statement to the record prior to allowance because the Examiner proposed amendments to the claims that would expedite the allowance of claims via a telephone interview and Applicants agreed to the changes via the telephone interview.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 and timely issuance of a notice of allowance. No additional fee is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any additional fee is required, please charge it to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Respectfully submitted,  
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